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USSR-POLAND: Warsaw Pact Exercise

Preparations continue for a Warsaw Pact exercise that probably will begin later this month.

The exercise will be directed by the commander of Soviet forces in Poland.

stated last month that the exercise would be announced under the provisions of the Helsinki Accords. If proper notification were given today, it would not begin before 30 March.

Comment: The Soviets may have decided to restrict the exercise to fewer than 25,000 troops and eliminate the need to announce it.

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